

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 8-10 have been cancelled. Thus, Claims 5-7 and 11-13 are currently pending in the present application.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of this application, please charge it against Hitachi Deposit Account No. **50-2587**.

Respectfully submitted,



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